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Last week the CPD Consumer Advisory Council members gathered at their semi-annual meeting and identified many of the disability issues that they are currently dealing with.

Under the direction of CPD Director, Bryce Fifield, the eleven members listed the top five concerns in their lives. As they went around and named a concern, many of the members found that they shared the same ones. All together, they came up with 36 different areas that are barriers in their lives or the lives of those with disabilities that they work with.

Some of the top issues that were identified include:

- Services that Medicaid no longer covers, such as dental and optical
- What is the future for Medicaid?
- Being aware of and connecting to the best services for individual needs
- Lack of employment opportunities for those with disabilities
- Disability awareness in the community; in particular, realizing the accommodations needed for those with unseen disabilities
- Lack of adult services for adults with ASD
- Being aware of parent education services and advocacy groups
- Lack of accessible and affordable housing
- Use of adapted classroom materials; using age-appropriate materials in the classroom

These topics will continue to be discussed in the monthly CAC blog posts written by CAC members, and other future CPD blog posts on this web site.

The rest of the meeting was spent reviewing the CPD 5-year Core Grant planning areas and identifying where these issues fit into the current CPD project topics and which areas could be addressed in future projects.

All in all, it was a very productive meeting, highlighted by good company, good food, and a good discussion. It ended with a group photo found at the top of this blog post.

If you have other issues and concerns that you would like to add to the ones listed here, please feel free to comment below.